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VIA FACSIMILE (202-219-3932) AND U.S. MAIL

Elena Paoli, Esquire **Federal Election Commission** 999 E Street, NW Washington, DC 20463

Re:

David Wittig

MUR 5657

Dear Ms. Paoli:

On behalf of Mr. Wittig, we are requesting an extension of time to respond to your September 1, 2005 letter. As you know, Mr. Wittig is a defendant in a criminal case that is currently being retried in Kansas City, Kansas. Because the retrial involves complex issues and requires the full attention of Mr. Wittig and his counsel, an extension of time beyond the conclusion of the retrial is necessary. Although the jury is currently deliberating, in the event of a conviction the case would proceed immediately to forfeiture and sentencing matters. I understand that the FEC does not normally grant extensions of indeterminate duration. Accordingly, we are requesting a 90-day extension. That should allow Mr. Wittig and his counsel time to conclude the retrial and turn their attention to this matter.

We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Robert A. Salernowy

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